



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Makoto YOSHIDA, et al.

Serial No.: 10/593,268

Group Art Unit: 1791

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Examiner: Hoffman, John M.

For: SINTERING METHOD AND SINTERING APPARATUS OF POROUS GLASS  
BASE MATERIAL

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2010 and in concert with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. No new matter is added.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.